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Schools buck national trend with GCSE results

Local schools celebrate after GCSE results are above the national average for the first time

It's official – secondary schools across Waltham Forest are performing better than ever before.

The borough's secondaries have had a successful start to 2015, with the proportion of children achieving five A* to C GCSEs, including English and maths, confirmed as being above the national average for the first time.

Newly-published Government figures reveal that last summer 56.7 per cent of children in the borough achieved this benchmark – compared to 53.4 per cent nationally. And, these results have helped Waltham Forest reach its highest-ever national ranking – leaping 39 places to 81st.

Cllr Mark Rusling, Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, highlighted the need for continued improvement, and said: "Congratulations must go to the borough's hard-working students, parents and teachers for their fantastic efforts.

"The progress at GCSE level is especially impressive given that changes to the Government's performance tables have led to a drop in standards nationally – a trend clearly bucked here.

"But the hard work isn't over, because we want the improvements to continue so that our schools become even better."

Every year the Department for Education publish confirmed GCSE results in January, after months of data checking. The latest GCSE results follow confirmation that the proportion of primary school children in Waltham Forest who are successfully meeting national standards for reading, writing and maths has risen – and is also now above the national average.

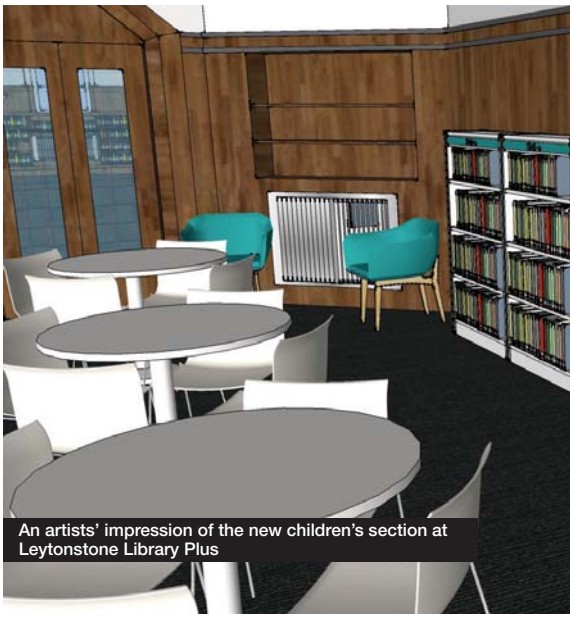
For the full story about the borough's successful schools turn to page 15.

Last summer, Norlington School ranked in the top 100 schools nationally for student progress

More info

To learn more about education in Waltham Forest, visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-colleges** or call **020 8496 3000**.

Leytonstone Library


An artists' impression of the new children's section at Leytonstone Library Plus

New-look Leytonstone Library Plus on track to reopen this September

You can access Library Plus services in other ways while works continue

Works to transform Leytonstone Library into a fantastic new Library Plus branch are continuing apace, with the facility set to open this September.

Once complete, the library will boast modern IT facilities, free wi-fi, a new children's library with storytelling area, an improved adult section and a dedicated space for teenagers, with new books, a study area and computers.

As well as providing residents with top-class facilities, the new Library Plus will offer easier access to a range of Council services. Residents will be able to pay Council Tax, pre-book appointments to register a birth, receive benefits advice and more.

While the library is closed, you can reserve books online and collect at a time convenient for you, as Waltham Forest is a member of the London Libraries Consortium, along with 15 other boroughs. This means you can reserve a book and collect it from one of more than 170 libraries across London. Simply visit the online catalogue to search and reserve. You can even pick up reserved books from St John's Church Hall, High Road Leytonstone (adjacent to Matalan) between 10am and 12noon on Fridays or 10.30am-12noon on Saturdays.

Residents who usually purchase their visitors' parking permits at Leytonstone Library can visit Leyton Library Plus instead, apply online or complete the process via post. Full information about the parking permit process is available on the Council website.

Leyton Library Plus (High Road Leyton, E10 5QH) is just over a mile away from Leytonstone Library, so why not make a trip and see the fantastic facilities on offer. It is open weekdays from 9am to 7pm, Saturdays from 9am to 6pm, and Sundays from 12noon to 4pm.

More info

For more information, visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/leytonstone-library**. For more information on parking permits, visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking**, email **parking.services@walthamforest.gov.uk** or phone **020 8496 3000**.

In my opinion

Michaela Graham-Gardner

Resident, Walthamstow

In September last year, I was trying to get home after a night out in Tottenham when I was physically and verbally harassed by a man I did not know. I didn't report the incident to anyone, and it really knocked my self-confidence. I could not speak about it for months, and like some other victims of harassment I didn't come forward and report the offence because I was ashamed that it had happened to me.

Now, I want to use my experience as a wakeup call to help other women who may experience harassment and unwanted sexual behaviour.

My mum has always warned me that I should get a cab home if I'm on a night out. That night was no different from usual, and I didn't expect anything out of the ordinary. While I was waiting for my taxi, my attacker approached me. I could tell straight away that he appeared to be drunk. He grabbed me and pulled me towards him, so I pushed him aside, asking him to stop.

He started to get aggressive and started shouting "Girls like you think you're so f****** nice!" while brandishing a glass bottle. I felt alone and vulnerable, as two cab drivers that were nearby drove off without any intentions of helping me out. Luckily, I was able to escape.

Since that night, I have found out about a scheme called Project Guardian, which is a joint scheme between the British Transport Police, Transport for London (TfL) and the Metropolitan Police. Project Guardian aims to reduce sexual assault and harassment and unwanted sexual behaviour on London's public transport network, and beyond.

There are four important telephone numbers which you should save in your mobile phone. If the incident happens on train, tube or DLR, text 61016 or freephone 0800 40 50 40 to report it. If it happens on a bus, or in the street, you should phone the police non-emergency number 101. In an emergency, always dial 999 and ask for the police.

I also always keep someone updated on my whereabouts during a night out, and I have downloaded a tracker app for my phone, so someone could track my location if needed.

According to British Transport Police, one in 10 passengers has experienced unwanted sexual behaviour on public transport, but 95 per cent of victims do not report their experience to police. I'm urging all women to report anything that makes you uncomfortable, such as sexual touching, groping, flashing, unwanted contact, leering, sexual comments and indecent acts.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 350 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.

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Leader's column

Chris Robbins

Kris Hopkins MP (third from left) came down to the Town Hall to see how the Council is transforming services to make savings

Local authorities up and down the country are facing the toughest financial challenge yet, and it's no different here in Waltham Forest.

But alongside the steps we're taking to make savings whilst protecting the services you've told us matter most to you, we've also been fighting for a fairer funding deal for our residents from central Government.

In recent weeks, we've told Ministers in no uncertain terms that the systems used to allocate local authority finance are unfairly weighted against "outer London" boroughs like Waltham Forest. They do not use up to date information about our rising population, which is currently increasing by around 3,000 people per year, or the needs of our residents, given the borough's high levels of deprivation. This not only impacts on our overall financial settlement but also has a negative effect on the money we receive for Public Health and School services.

Despite saving £68million since 2010, we still need to save more than £45million over the next four years. So, you can rest assured that we will continue to campaign for a fair deal for you by pressing Ministers to make these inadequate and outdated Government funding arrangements fair.

In the meantime, we're changing the way we work – not only to help make sure our services are joined up and providing better value for money – but also to ensure we are delivering better outcomes for our residents. We're constantly seeking new ways to raise sources of funding to make sure you're well supported in all walks of life.

Last week, we welcomed Local Government Minister Kris Hopkins to the Town Hall to talk about funding that we've secured to support some of the borough's most vulnerable residents.

Waltham Forest Council was recently awarded £190,000 following a successful bid to the Department for Communities and Local Government's Transformation Challenge. Through the Challenge, Councils taking innovative steps to change the way they do things to ultimately deliver savings, can apply for funding to launch new initiatives.

Our bid outlined our plans to create a single, integrated 'Independent Lives' service for children and adults with learning disabilities, and a new lifelong disability transitions strategy. We believe that this can make a real difference to how our residents with learning disabilities experience major transitions throughout their lives, whether it is between different Council services they may use or between life stages.

Throughout all of this change, we're continuing to support economic growth by investing in our town centres and improving leisure facilities throughout the borough. And, we've committed to providing thousands of new homes over the next five years, and are freezing Council Tax for the sixth year running to help you cope with rising living costs.

Flying the flag for LGBT

The rainbow flag will fly outside Waltham Forest Town Hall throughout February to mark LGBT History Month

The Rainbow Flag was raised at Waltham Forest Town Hall last week to celebrate the start of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Month.

The flag raising ceremony took place on Thursday 5 February, and was attended by Mayor of Waltham Forest, Cllr Terry Wheeler, as well as Councillors, community groups and Council officers.

LGBT History Month was initiated in the UK in 2005 by an organisation called Schools Out, which campaigned for LGBT equality in schools. The month gives everyone the opportunity to learn more about the histories of LGBT people in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Waltham Forest Libraries also have some special events planned as part of the celebrations. On Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm the Lesbian Reading Group at North Chingford Library (The Green, E4 7EN) will host a Polari Prize Author Panel event.

The Polari First Book Prize is awarded when an author's first published book explores the LGBT experience. The evening will feature three of the authors nominated for the 2014 prize reading and discussing their work. The Lesbian Reading Group is also welcoming new members. For further details email librarypromotions@walthamforest.gov.uk.

On Thursday 26 February at 6.30pm Leyton Library (High Road, E10 5QH) will host a screening of the film Pride (certificate 15) followed by a discussion led by Lucy Bolton. Pride tells the story of the lengthy strike action held by mineworkers in the summer of 1984, and the UK gay activists who they unite with over a common cause. Lucy Bolton is a lecturer in film studies at Queen Mary University of London, specialising in women's cinema and its relationship with feminist philosophy.

More info

To book free tickets for the Library events visit **www.wflibraries.eventbrite.com** or phone **020 8496 3000**.

In brief

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN

Register to vote

The General Election for all three parliamentary seats in Waltham Forest will be held on Thursday 7 May this year. To vote, residents need to either be a UK citizen or qualifying Commonwealth citizen and be registered to vote. Registering is not only a legal requirement that allows you to cast that all-important vote, it is also usually required for credit checks and references. To ensure the Council has correct details, letters are being sent to each household listing who is registered to vote (or over 16) at each address. Residents are being asked to make sure everyone in your home sees the letter. If the details are correct, you don't need to do anything. If the details on the letter are incorrect, please follow the simple instructions so everyone is registered to vote. If you know you are not registered to vote at your address, it takes two minutes to register online. You just need your national insurance number.

- **To register to vote visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.**

Holocaust Memorial Day

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27/1

Residents, police officers and faith leaders joined councillors for an event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) at Waltham Forest Town Hall on Tuesday 27 January. Attendees gathered at the Anne Frank Memorial Tree for an act of remembrance, and to lay a wreath of white flowers, before a number of speeches gave everyone the chance to remember all those affected by genocides around the world. Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January every year. It was on this date in 1945 that the largest Nazi concentration and death camp – Auschwitz-Birkenau – was liberated. The theme of HMD 2015 was 'Keep the memory alive'. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation, and the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide during the Bosnian War.

- **For more information, visit www.hmd.org.uk.**

Holding rogue traders to account

Waltham Forest Council has four key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what is being done to keep your neighbourhood clean and safe.

Winns Store was served with a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice after mice were found in the shop

This dirty chopping board shows the poor level of cleanliness found at Chick Inn

One of the dead mice found at Winns Store

The gnawed cabbage discovered at Chick Inn

Stories about rogue traders who show a wilful disregard for the wellbeing of residents are not uncommon on the pages of Waltham Forest News.

Recently Waltham Forest Council officers discovered a fast food outlet infested by rats, an off licence selling illicit alcohol and tobacco, and a shop with mice running around nibbling food products.

Coming down hard on businesses that put profits ahead of the safety and welfare of residents is a key role for Waltham Forest Council, but its officers don't have carte blanche to simply shut down businesses.

The following cases show the various processes the Council needs to go through in order to close a business temporarily, obtain a court order to ensure unacceptable conditions are remedied, bring about a prosecution and give the business a right to appeal.

Store shut

A Walthamstow shopper who purchased a loaf of bread from Winns Store in Winns Avenue, Walthamstow got home to discover that mice had gnawed the end of it. When Environmental Health Officers inspected the shop they found a significant infestation and shut it down.

The court issued a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order, outlining the measures the business owner had to take to reopen the store. The Council will also seek legal advice as to whether it can prosecute the business.

The Inspector noted that as well as bread, mice had knawed a meat pie and a number of bags of crisps.

The Inspector noted that as well as bread, mice had gnawed a meat pie and a number of bags of crisps. Two mummified dead mice and droppings on packets of food and on shelving where food was stored, were found. The shop was also filthy, with a huge pile of rubbish in the rear yard.

The shop was closed by the Council Officer immediately after the inspection on Wednesday 14 January using a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice. This temporarily prevented the store from trading before the matter went before Stratford Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 21 January.

£5,000 fine

The Council also took action against the owner of Chick Inn at 247 Hoe Street, Walthamstow last month, leaving him with a bill for £7,700.

The case related to a rat infestation discovered at the fast food takeaway on 20 January 2014. A routine inspection by the Council's Environmental Health Team revealed that rats had been gnawing through cabbages in the storeroom that were destined to be used raw, in salad.

The Inspector also noted that rats had gnawed through bags of flour and droppings were found on shelving where containers of food were stored. The premises were dirty throughout, with filthy sinks, wash basins, food containers and chopping boards.

On 19 January this year, the owner, Mr Gohar Khan, pleaded guilty to six offences at Thames Magistrates' Court and was fined £5,000 for failing to protect food from contamination and ordered to pay the Council's full costs of £2,700.

Licence revoked

An off-licence caught with illicit alcohol and tobacco on their premises took their case to appeal after the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee revoked their licence on 4 June 2014.

On 15 November 2013 officers from the Council's Trading Standards service, along with officers from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and the International Federation of Spirit Producers, visited SFW Express at 24-27 Church Lane, Leytonstone.

A detailed inspection of stock revealed 242 bottles of counterfeit and non-duty paid wine and spirits and over 60kg of illicit tobacco. The officers seized the goods and instigated an application for the review of the premises licence.

The licence holder appealed the decision to Stratford Magistrates' Court, but on Thursday 5 February 2015 the Court concurred with the Council and upheld the decision to revoke the licence. while also ordering them to pay the Council's full costs of £11,983.

More info

You can check a premises' food hygiene rating by looking for a green rating sticker in the door or window. For more information on food safety visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/food-safety**. For more information on trading standards visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/trading-standards** or phone **020 8496 3000**.

What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think about the Council's work to keep the borough clean and safe

Tracey Kain, Chingford

"I do worry about issues such as restaurant hygiene, but don't eat out that often, probably around once a month. If anything I would check website reviews to choose a restaurant."

Vicky O'Brien, Chingford

"I would like to see a lot fewer fast food outlets overall and more shops, but in the meantime I do find it reassuring that the Council is checking that takeaways are clean and safe."

Robbie Lane, Chingford

"I tend to go to places that look clean when I visit takeaways. I judge it on looks and I trust the places I go to regularly when it comes to off-licences selling genuine goods."

Val Callaghan, Chingford

"I think it is very important that the Council continues to publicise when they shut down a takeaway or restaurant. I always check the ratings that are displayed on the door or window."

Terrence Marshall, Chingford

"I'm not overly concerned about fake goods in off-licences and I tend to use word of mouth to choose the places I go to eat. But I do think it is right that the Council names and shames outlets that fall short."

Clean and safe

Priority:

Keep your neighbourhood clean and safe

Commitment:

- Provide neighbourhood officers who will work with the community to keep your streets clean
- Establish an anti-social behaviour team to help keep our streets feeling safe
- Continue to collect your bins every week, provide a free bulky waste service and prosecute fly-tippers
- Deliver an anti-gangs programme in partnership with the police to provide our young people and their families with a positive future

Priority: **We will help all of our residents enjoy a good quality of life**

Priority: **We will support affordable housing for everyone's needs**

Priority: **We will help build a strong local economy and thriving town centres**

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/priorities

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Walthamstow Wetlands

Wetlands link

Residents are being asked to vote for a project to be funded that would see a new quiet walk and cycle route linking soon-to-be-open nature reserves in Walthamstow and Hackney. Exciting plans to connect the Walthamstow Wetlands with Woodberry Wetlands in Hackney, which are both due to open in 2016, have been drawn up. They will see a safe, green 3km 'corridor' passing through parks and quiet roads installed using money from the Mayor of London's Big Green Fund.

• To cast your vote for the scheme and to see more details, go to www.london.gov.uk/biggreenpoll Voting closes on Monday, 2 March. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

DriveNow

A new car club has come to the borough, with around 70 BMW and Mini vehicles now available to rent. DriveNow has already launched in Haringey, Hackney and Islington and has the unique feature of allowing drivers to leave vehicles anywhere in the four boroughs after they are finished using them. You don't even have to use a designated DriveNow bay. Next month seven electric vehicles will be added to the scheme and by June there will be some 300 DriveNow vehicles operating across the four boroughs.

• To register to use one of the DriveNow cars go to www.drive-now.com. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Winter walks

A series of Wildlife themed Winter Walks have been organised by Waltham Forest Council and Wild Capital. Residents are invited to join the walks that take place on 18 February at Highams Park and Epping Forest (meet by the play area), 19 February at Ridgeway Park, Mansfield Park and Pimp Hall Nature Reserve (meet by the ranger's office) and 20 February at Coronation Gardens and Leyton Jubilee Park (meet by the ranger's office). All walks will start at 10am and last between two and three hours.

• For more information contact Chris Patterson at christopher.patterson@walthamforest.gov.uk or on 020 8496 2608.

Examples of the illegal works carried out to Mr Lao's properties, which he will now need to demolish, in addition to making payments of over £300,000

Landlord ordered to pay £300k for "huge mistake"

- **Council prosecutes serial offender for flouting planning rules**
- **Rogue landlord hit with a bill for illegal income, fines and costs**

A landlord who told a court he had made a "huge mistake" is paying the price for that error to the tune of £301,258 after a long-running saga concluded at Snaresbrook Court on 30 January.

William Lao, of Webster Road E10, is a commercial landlord who owns 16 properties in the borough, and was taken to court by the Council. There he was fined £73,500 and ordered to pay £217,758 of illegal earnings from renting out properties that were in breach of planning controls. He was also ordered to pay £10,000 towards the costs incurred by the Council.

"Some of the issues date back almost five years," explained Councillor Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment. "So we're really pleased to have finally brought this rogue landlord to account and seen him rightly punished for a catalogue of breaches."

Mr Lao had added large roof and garden extensions to seven of his properties, in some instances virtually doubling their size. In turn the landlord was able to greatly enhance his rental income, but all the time he was failing to apply for planning permission for the works.

While Waltham Forest Council made strenuous efforts to address the issues with the landlord by serving a number of Planning Enforcement Notices against him using the Town and Country Planning Act, Mr Lao refused to restore the properties to their original state.

Not only did he ignore the notices, but he rented the additional properties constructed, racking up hundreds of thousands of pounds in illegal income. In court, Mr Lao's advocate asked for leniency in the sentence, saying his client realised his tactic for making money was a "huge mistake".

The Court agreed a Confiscation Order of £217,758.26 under the Proceeds of Crime Act and costs of £10,000. He has six months to pay both, and faces 30 months in prison if he fails to pay the Confiscation Order in that time.

The fine of £73,500 was made up of £10,000 for each of the seven Enforcement Notices that were ignored, £3,000 in relation to various breaches of Houses in Multiple Occupation regulations such as fire safety and being unlicensed, and £500 relating to an improvement notice and a failure to disclose ownership.

The properties were all in Leyton, close to the tube station, meaning Mr Lao could cash in on rent from unsuspecting commuters wanting accommodation with good transport links.

Mr Lao had a dormer and rear extension added to two of the properties in Dunedin Road. This allowed the creation of new flats within the properties that were then rented out.

A further three properties in Goodall Road were also changed without planning permission. Again a dormer and rear extension were added to all three properties to create more flats, while one of the properties also had a conservatory and first floor roof terrace added without planning permission.

In Webster Road it was a similar story, with a dormer, balcony, rear extension and outbuilding used for accommodation. Round the corner in Frith Road a dormer and rear extension were added to create flats.

"Mr Lao showed utter disregard for the planning process, seeking to sidestep both the requirement to apply for permission to make changes and ignoring the Enforcement Notices to put the properties back to their original condition after he was discovered to have made illegal changes," said Cllr Loakes.

More info

For further information on getting permission for any alterations to your property visit the Council's website at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/planning** or phone **020 8496 3000**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

A festival of food growing

- **The Cultivate Urban Food Growing Festival is back for a second year**
- **Allotment sites cleared as drive to create 'the garden of London' grows**

Cllr Clyde Loakes at the newly cleared Hawkswood Allotment site in Chingford

Cultivate Festival is back for a second year, running from 20 to 29 March. The Council's Urban Food Growing Festival that proved so successful last year is returning to bring together all of the borough's green-fingered people and organisations once again.

Councillor Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "Last year was a huge success and proved that there is a real appetite amongst local residents to grow their own food.

"I was especially pleased that we gave away over 30 tonnes of free compost to our residents. I'm confident this year we can build on that success and continue to transform our corner of the capital into the garden of London."

Cultivate will showcase all that is already on offer in the borough, support new initiatives, provide advice and workshops on growing your own, highlight established networks and create a forum for further collaboration and future projects.

The Council is again working with key partners OrganicLea – a workers' cooperative growing food on the edge of London's Lea Valley, Capital Growth – London's food growing network and Artillery – an arts development organisation based in Walthamstow.

Planned highlights for this year's programme will include a Gardeners' Question and Answer session, The Big Compost Giveaway, a school's challenge, walks and cycle tours, The Big Dig Run, a festival pop-up shop with workshops and activities, and a number of workshops, demonstrations and events.

A full and varied programme of food tastings, cooking sessions, presentations, workshops and activities will be hosted throughout the festival by the many community groups and local businesses engaged in the food growing cycle.

In the meantime, Waltham Forest Council has also been stepping up its work around allotments, recently clearing overgrown plots on two sites to be able to bring them back into use. Both Hawkswood and Sinnott Road sites in Chingford and Walthamstow respectively, have been tackled by the Council, clearing 29 plots of foliage.

"As part of our Food Growing Strategy we have been doing a lot of work to get allotments for more residents," said Cllr Loakes. "We've had great success over the last two years in reducing the allotment waiting list from over 900 applicants to just under 20 by revising the eligibility criteria to prioritise plots for Waltham Forest residents."

More info

For more information about the Cultivate Festival visit **www.cultivatewf.org** If you would like to be considered to be on the Council's Allotment waiting list please contact the Council on **020 8496 3000** or at **environmental.services@walthamforest.gov.uk.**

In brief

Lloyd Park

Walk for Women

Lloyd Park will be holding a free regular Walk for Women event this spring. Starting on Monday 2 March and set to run every Monday between 10am and 10.45am, the activity will be led by a female leader, meeting at the park café in the Aveling Centre (Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 5JW). The walks will offer a women-only activity that will help you meet new people in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Why not come along and improve your health and well-being – all abilities welcome. Please make sure you wear sensible clothes and shoes.

- **For more information phone Ellie Mortimer on 020 8496 2822, email ellie.mortimer@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloyd-park.**

Play Area improvements

12 Play Areas in Waltham Forest are being improved during 2015 under the Parks and Play improvement programme.

The play areas to be improved are:
Abbotts Park, Coppermill Park, Dames Road Play Area, Henry Reynolds Gardens, Highams Park, Langthorne Park, Memorial Park, Pimp Hall Park, Queens Road Play Area, Priory Court Housing Estate Play Area, Stoneydown Park (U.7's), Vestry Road Play Area.

The following 3 play areas will be improved by the end of July 2015:

Highams Park, Keynsham Avenue, IG8 9RB
Memorial Park, Chingford Road, E4 9BT
Pimp Hall Park, Simmons Lane, E4 6JH

A selection of Design and Build contractors have been invited to submit conceptual designs for the 3 play areas.

The selection of the final company will only take place once contractors have engaged residents to find out what they would like to see, use, play and value.

Do you want to share your design ideas?
Come along and have your say at the following drop in session.

Saturday 14th February 2015
10.00am – 2.00pm St. Annes Church Centre, Larkshall Road, Chingford, E4 6NP

Meet the designers, comment on the initial designs and find out more about the Parks and Play 2015 Improvements Programme.

If you have access requirements or would like more information please email **environmental.services@walthamforest.gov.uk** or phone **Ben Frearson** on **020 8496 3000**
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Leytonstone

Leytonstone Art Trail Coordinator, Hilary Douse, is urging residents to get involved in this year's Trail and fill their windows with art

E11 Arts Trail needs you!

- **Leytonstone Arts Trail will return from Saturday 4 to Sunday 12 July**
- **Residents encouraged to get involved and fill E11 with art this summer**

Galleries, cafes, businesses, pubs and even front room windows will offer up a feast for the senses from Saturday 4 to Sunday 12 July, when the Leytonstone Arts Trail once more winds its way across E11.

Now celebrating its eighth year, the Trail is set to build on last year's success, which saw more than 100 artists showing their work at exhibitions across 26 venues. And with everything from sculpture and oil painting to photography, textiles and children's events on offer, there was plenty to keep the whole family entertained.

Planning for this year's Trail has just begun, and the organisers are keen to hear from anyone who would like to take part or volunteer to help out. Perhaps you have some artwork you would like to display, or have an idea for an event or piece of art but haven't had a chance to make it happen? If so, why not get in touch with the organisers and see if your event or exhibition can be included this year?

Leytonstone Arts Trail Organiser, Hilary Douse, told Waltham Forest News: "The great thing about the Leytonstone Arts Trail is that anyone can take part if they can find a suitable venue to show their work. That could be anything from their home or studio, to a local cafe or shop.

"There is a small fee to be included in the Trail guide, but it's a low cost way for artists to put on their own exhibition. Many local people have shown their work as part of the Trail and have then gone on to greater things. It's a brilliant platform for both emerging and established artists, and the range of work on show is always interesting and stimulating."

And as well as displaying art from professional and emerging artists, the Trail also seeks to get all residents involved in the fun, regardless of experience. Last year a huge number of people took part in the Trail by displaying art work in their windows and gardens, as part of the 'Let's Fill Leytonstone with Art' project. This is a broader community participation project running alongside the Arts Trail. Residents of all ages get involved, and paintings, knitting, photos, ceramics, paper crafts and textiles have all been exhibited in the E11 area's windows in past years. In a previous year, a 90 year old resident displayed her knitting, while nearby neighbours displayed their babies' painted foot and hand prints.

Hilary added: "The 'Let's Fill Leytonstone with Art' initiative is brilliant because you see displays popping up all over the place. Day on day, it builds to create a whole gallery in the streets of Leytonstone."

Last year's Trail also featured a range of free and low-costs events including life drawing taster classes, a social knitting group, children's art workshops and pop-up markets featuring handcrafted items created specifically for the Leytonstone Arts Trail.

If you would like to get involved, simply visit the Trail website and sign up to receive the newsletter.

More info

For more information visit **www.leytonstoneartstrail.org** or **www.letsfill.co.uk**, follow on Twitter **@lat_tweets** and use the hashtag **#LeytonstoneJuly** or search 'Leytonstone Arts Trail' on **www.facebook.com**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in Waltham Forest.

In brief

Community Library

Children aged three to 11, creative writers, keen readers and people wanting to improve their English can enjoy free events taking place at Harrow Green Community Library (41 West Street, E11 4LJ). The library, which is run entirely by volunteers, is offering free Saturday Family Storytime sessions between 2 and 4pm, a weekly English Conversation group on Tuesdays; 10am-12noon, a monthly reading club on the last Monday of each month; 10-11.30am and a creative writing group, which offers a daytime and evening meeting. The daytime group meets 12-2pm on the first Friday of every month, while the evening group meets 6.30-8.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

• For more information about the group activities, email hgcl.groups@outlook.com or visit www.harrowgreenlibrary.wordpress.com.

News from Nowhere Club

Leytonstone residents are being encouraged to attend a community group which hosts lively talks on a wide range of subjects. The News from Nowhere Club meets at The Epicentre (41 West Street, E11 4LJ) on the second Saturday of each month at 7.30pm. Founded in 1996, it aims to encourage friendship in the local community and help people to stop feeling isolated. The next meeting takes place on Saturday 14 February, when speaker Joy Puritz will talk about the 1943 Bethnal Green Tube Shelter Disaster.

• For more information phone 020 8555 5248.

Pampering evening

Women can get in the Valentine's mood at a ladies' charity pampering evening to be held in aid of the Waltham Forest Disability Resource Centre (WFDRC). The event will take place at WFDRC (90 Crownfield Road, E15 2BG) from 7 to 10pm on Friday 13 February. You can browse stalls offering beauty treatments, massages, jewellery, bags, clothes, homemade sweets and much more. Entrance costs £3 per person, including a glass of 'fizz'.

• For more information phone 020 8534 1589 or email l.cusworth@wfdrc.org.uk.

Sports and fitness

East London Aikido

Tuesdays and Fridays, 6.30pm
West Avenue, E17 9QN (In Church Hall close to Orford Road)
Aikido, sometimes referred to as the art of peace, is a Japanese martial art that requires you to almost always practise with a partner. Aikido is suitable for both Men and Women so come and see a class or just join in. **For more information phone 07838 387 057.**

General Level Pilates classes in Leyton

Thursdays, 7–8pm
Leyton Parish Church Hall, Lindley Road, E10 5PY
Drop in Pilates for all. Classes cost £10 and mats and small equipment are provided. Alison, the teacher, is highly qualified and experienced. Pilates can improve your strength, flexibility, balance, coordination, bone density, reduce pain and encourage relaxation. **For more information email alison.bray@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/abpilateslondon.**

Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 7.30–8.30pm
North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Road
An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, body bars, gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floor work and stretching. Taught to motivating music. First class free, then £27 per month. **For more information visit www.onestopofitness.co.uk, email lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk or phone 07956 695 077.**

Zumba with Chloe

Tuesdays, 7pm
Walthamstow School for Girls, E17 9RZ
£5 drop in, discount for advance payment. Just wear low supportive trainers and bring a bottle of water with you to enjoy this exhilarating dance fitness class in a low pressure atmosphere! **For more information phone 07903 629 636, email Chloe@dancechloe.com or visit www.DanceChloe.com.**

Ashtanga Yoga

Mondays, 7–8.30pm
The Mill, 7–11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA
This is a fast flowing dynamic yoga class that is great for detoxing, increasing fitness, stamina, strength, flexibility and balance. £11 drop in or £10 with a loyalty card. Private one to ones are available. **For more information and bookings please email josettayoga@hotmail.co.uk or call 07554 440 499.**

Ashtanga Yoga

Fridays, 9.45-11.15am (Term time only)
Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Fast flowing dynamic yoga class. Great for increasing fitness, stamina, strength, flexibility and balance, with a lovely relaxation to finish. Please bring your own mat. Option to stay for 60 or 90 minute class. £9 drop in/£12 for the 90 min class. Private one to ones available. **For more information and bookings please email josettayoga@hotmail.co.uk or call 07554 440 499.**

Walk for Women

Mondays, 10–10.45am
Lloyd Park, off Forest Road, E17. Meet outside the park café in the Aveling Centre. Free. Friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Improve your health and well-being, meet new people and enjoy being outdoors. **For more information phone Ellie on 07530 072 216.**

Capoeira Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6.15–7.45pm
Walthamstow Leisure Centre, 243 Markhouse Road, E17 8RN
Capoeira is a unique Brazilian art-form that combines elements of martial arts, dance, music and acrobatics. Practising capoeira involves all muscle groups and exercises the whole body and mind, develops and improves general fitness and endurance, speed and reflexes, balance and coordination, flexibility, creativity and rhythm. Capoeira is suitable for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. £9 drop-in for 90 minute class, discount on monthly and quarterly pass. All levels welcome. **For more information, visit www.sacimaculele.com, email sacimaculelecapoeira@gmail.com or phone 0746 274 5158.**

Massage Therapy

Mondays, 2.30–9.30pm
The Score Centre, 100 Oliver Road, E10 5JY
Rejuvenate your body and mind. Give yourself a break from the busy London lifestyle with a professional massage tailored to your needs. Treatments include deep tissue massage, holistic massage and reiki. Fully qualified and insured practitioner with 12 years experience. £45 per hour, 10% off first booking. Cash or cheque only. **For more information or to book phone Sabrina on 07521 476 573, email zenfalco@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.zenfalco.com.**

Acupuncture Awareness

Acupuncture has been used in the East for over 2000 years to treat a wide range of physical and emotional problems including back and knee pain, arthritis, headaches, insomnia, depression and anxiety, addictions, infertility and pregnancy related illnesses. In the West it has continued to grow in popularity and acceptance as an alternative or complement to conventional treatments. If you would like to find out how Acupuncture could help you, we are offering free consultations at our Clinic in Leytonstone. Our therapists include fully qualified members of the British Acupuncture Council. **For more information or to book a free consultation phone 07943 672 696 or email bushwoodacu@aol.com.**

Chingford Morris Men

Mondays, 8–10pm
Friday Hall, 56 Friday Hill East, E4 6JT
We practice on a Monday evening when we learn dances in the Chingford and the North West Morris traditions. We are a friendly group and have male and female members between the ages of 9 and 80. We dance out at a variety of venues in Waltham Forest and beyond, including Yorkshire, Kent and Germany. We welcome new members. **For more information phone 01992 712 765 or email enquiries@chingfordmorris.org.**

Clubs and community

Chinese New Year

Thursday 19 February, 10am–1pm
Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 4PP.
Please meet in the community room at the Aveling Centre, located by the café and play area. Happy Chinese New Year. Make kites to fly in the park and learn all about Chinese New Year. Run by The Conservation Volunteers. Event is free and places are on a first come basis. **For more information phone 07870 678 571 or email v.peet@tcv.org.uk.**

Free Mardi Gras

Tuesday 17 February, 10am–1pm
Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 4PP
Please meet in the community room at the Aveling Centre, located by the café and play area. Mardi Gras, also known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day, has a tradition of colourful carnivals. Come and make a Carnival Mask and have a go at pancake flipping. Run by The Conservation Volunteers. Event is free and places are on a first come basis. **For more information phone 07870 678 571 or email v.peet@tcv.org.uk.**

East 17 Singers

Thursdays, 10–11am
St Michaels and All Angels Church Hall, Northcote Road, E17 6PQ
East17 Singers is a choir for mums, dads and child minders. You will learn powerful, uplifting harmonies and songs from all around the world. No experience necessary – just your voice and a will to sing. Bring your baby or toddler with you. £6 per session. **For more information email east17singers@gmail.com.**

Waltham Forest Community Choir

Mondays, 7.30–9.30pm (during term time only)
St Mary's Church, Church End, E17 9RJ
We are a self-funded group open to anyone living or working in the borough. Previous singing or musical experience is not required. We believe that singing should be accessible to anyone and we do not audition prospective members. Our musical repertoire is diverse, and includes classical, traditional, folk and popular styles. Termly cost of £50. **For further information visit www.singwithus.net or phone 07954 740 745.**

Highams Park Live

Thursday 26 February, 7.30–11pm
Upstairs at The County Arms, 420 Hale End Rd, Highams Park, E4 9PB
Highams Park Live presents an acoustic evening of live music, poetry and live literature with an eclectic programme of songwriters, poets and storytellers. Performers are booked in advance. The event is free and if you want to be part of the audience then please come along on the night. **For more information visit www.highamsparklive.co.uk or email info@highamsparklive.co.uk.**

Church Lane Community Garden

Saturdays, 11am–4pm
Harold Road, E11 4QX
Come along to see what's growing; admire our locally built solar dryer and apple press. You can also borrow a range of gardening tools and plants are available for a donation. Community gardeners Shannon and Mihkel will be on hand to answer your questions. Volunteers welcome. **For more information email cg@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone Shannon on 07450 474 538.**

Community local produce stall

Saturdays, 10.30am–3pm
St John's Church, Church Lane, E11 1HH
A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone. **For more information email stall@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone 020 8556 3090.**

Permaculture and Diverse Communities Taster Day

Saturday 21 February, 10am–5pm
The Mill, 7–11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7AH
With permaculture facilitators Shumaisa Khan & Muzammal Hussain, we will explore and learn about permaculture tools in the specific context of Waltham Forest's diverse cultural mix with the aim of developing effective ways of working together through common ground and differences.
Cost: £20/£12 concessions. **For more info or to book visit www.routesofwholeness.org/2014/12/08/permaculture-and-diverse-communities-taster-day/.**

Get Mapping with St James Big Local

Tuesday 10 February, 2–5pm and Saturday 21 February, 2–6pm
The Mill, 7–11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA
To celebrate the completion of our area profile, St James Big Local invites you discover the treasures which have been discovered in our area by local school pupils. Participate in some mapping, come to a workshop and have your say on how to spend the £1m to make the St James Street area an even better place to live. **For more information visit www.themill-coppermill.org or phone 020 8521 3211.**

Get Mapping with St James Big Local

Saturday 14 February and Thursday 19 February, 10–12pm
The Mill, 7–11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA
During our treasure hunting workshops, you will be guided by our special treasure map to take a stroll around the St James area. On your return, we will ask you to record your thoughts on our special St James Treasure Certificates and mark the locations of your finds! Exhibition 10 February until 21 February. **For more information visit www.themill-coppermill.org or phone 020 8521 3211.**

Leytonstone Green Drinks

Saturday 15 February, 8pm
The Walnut Tree, 857–861 High Road, E11 1HH
Are you green and eco-minded? Do you want to meet others with the same interests? Then come along on the 15th of any month and enjoy good company, green conversations and great beer. Look for the table with the green table cloth. **For more information Phone 07747 014 235.**

Culture and crafts

Park Poetry at Lloyd Park

Sunday 15 February, 2pm
Community Bowls Pavilion, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 4PP
This is a fantastic opportunity to learn how to create poetry and hear some park poems. Event is free and for adults only, places are on a first come basis. **For more information phone 07870 678 571 or email v.peet@tcv.org.uk.**

Drama Workshop of Waltham Forest

13-15 February, 7.30pm
Forest Community Theatre, Guildford Road, E17 4EA
The Drama Workshop of Waltham Forest is proud to present 'Kindly leave the stage', a riotous comedy by John Chapman. Doors open at 7.30pm and curtain raises at 8pm. Tickets £8, £4 concessions.
For more information phone 020 8524 7269, visit www.wegottickets.com/WalthamDrama or email DramaWorkshopWF@gmail.com

Open Mic Night

Thursday 19 February, 8.30–11.30pm
Old Hall Tavern, Hall Lane, Chingford E4 8EY
We welcome performers of all levels in this friendly and inclusive live music venue. **For more information email Trev at chingford_openmic@yahoo.com.**

Family History Talk

Tuesday 10 February, 8–9.30pm
Spruce Hill Baptist Church Hall, Brookscroft Road, E17 4JP
Come and hear Kay Pack describe her family history research, which has uncovered fascinating details of smugglers and travellers. Waltham Forest Family History Society meets every month on the second Tuesday. **For further information phone 020 8530 4755, email mcarroll@waitrose.com or visit www.wffhs.org.uk.**

Speak English with Confidence (SpEC)

Mondays, 10–11am (Beginners)
Tuesdays, 10–11am (Intermediate/Advanced)
South Chingford Community Library, 265 Chingford Mount Road, E4 8LP
Free weekly classes to improve your English and meet people. Children are welcome. **For more information go to www.spec-london.org or email lingard.jo@gmail.com.**

E17 Swedish Language courses

Mondays, evenings
Bygga Bo Café, 18 Chingford Rd, E17 4PJ
Learn Swedish in these beginners/intermediate courses. Relaxed and fun for adults. £60 for a half-term of six 60 minute lessons. **For more information visit www.stunningmusic.com, phone 07958 471 083 or email chris@e17guitar.com.**

Life Drawing in Leytonstone

Mondays, 7.30–9.30pm
The Plough & Harrow pub function room, 419 Leytonstone High Rd, E11 4JU
Untutored, drop-in session, art materials provided, unconventional, sociable and friendly. £6 per session. **For more information visit www.meetup.com/Life-Drawing-in-Leytonstone.**

Jewellery Making Workshops

Saturdays, times vary
124 Farnan Avenue, E17 4NH
Learn jewellery making wire and bead techniques, beginners to advanced, monthly tasters (£10) and exciting Saturday workshops, suitable for adults, some suitable for ages above 11 years of ages. Small, friendly classes, booking essential, prices vary, 2.5hr class £20. **For more info phone Birgit on 07910 251 629 or visit www.beyondbeading.co.uk.**

Mandarin morning and after-school clubs

Mondays to Fridays, 4.30–8pm and weekends, 10am–6pm
London Cross-culture Bilingual, Education Centre, Suite 11–12, Gateland Business Centre, 210 Church Road, E10 7JG
Come along to gain a qualification in Mandarin (AQA, Edexcel, Edexcel Certificate and even HSK) and to learn communication skills with cultural awareness. We also offer maths classes with an experienced primary, secondary and adult Chinese teacher. **For more information phone 07412 485 813 or email LCBedu@outlook.com.**

Walthamstow Acoustic Massive (WAM) is recruiting new singers for 2015

Saturday 14 February, 2.30–4.30pm
Studio Office, The Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
WAM is unexpectedly evolving as a powerful musical community. Not only offering a musical platform for adults, WAM is also a social network that has created a new lease of life for people to discover friendships, hobbies and skills, no matter what their age. WAM performed at Walthamstow Garden Party and The Stow Festival last year and are now looking for more singers to join their choir. Rehearsals run the last Sunday afternoon of the month. **For further information, and to apply, email wam@shapeshifter-productions.com or phone 020 7018 2927 or visit www.shapeshifter-productions.com.**

Piano, Theory and Composition Tuition

Times vary
I am an experienced teacher (MMus) who has vacancies for new students. ABRSM exams including classical and jazz grades taught on Bluthner grand piano. 70% merit /distinction pass rate. £26 per hour or discounted rate for advance block booking. **For more information phone Eleanor on 07954 047 527 or email efirman623@yahoo.co.uk.**

5-String Banjo for Adults

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6.30pm and 7.30pm on both days
Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Dick Smith teaches five-string Banjo classes in three finger bluegrass style picking. Start from scratch or brush up your banjo skills in a relaxed and fun environment. £10 per class when paying for the term in advance. **For more information phone 07745 052 525, visit www.banjosmith.co.uk or email info.banjosmith@gmail.com.**

Children and young people

Swimming lessons

Monday 16 to Friday 20 February, 2.30–4pm
Waltham Forest College, 707 Forest Road, E17 4JB
A term's worth of swimming lessons in 5 days for only £30 with Tritons Swim School CIC. Five intensive 90 minute sessions for children, aged 5–12, stages 1–7 for only £30. Children will be taught by trainee swimming teachers under the supervision of a fully qualified team. **For more information and to book visit www.tritons.org.uk.**

Woodcraft Folk Walthamstow Woodchips

Mondays, (in term-time)
Epping Forest/Higham Hill
Parent-led group for children aged 4–6. We believe in peace, sustainability, social justice, friendship, children's rights and co-operation. We explore the forest, play games, make things, tell stories, sing songs, and go camping and more. Venue alternates between the forest and a local hall. £20 a term (£10 low/unemployed). **For more information email e17woodchips@gmail.com or visit www.woodcraft.org.uk.**

Walthamstow Children's Choir

Fridays, 4–4.45pm
Peterhouse Centre, 122 Forest Rise, E17 3PW
Over sevens particularly welcome. Children learn to sing together and gain vocal development and musicianship. But most importantly, it's great fun. £3 per child, £5 for siblings. **For more information, call Charlie Furniss on 07795 025635 or email e17childrenschoir@gmail.com.**

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays, times very
Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH
Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. Ages 7 and upwards. Pay £44 for a half-term of five lessons 30 minutes each. **For more information visit www.stunningmusic.com, phone 07958 471 083, or email chris@e17guitar.com.**

Community Ward Forums

Leyton

Thursday 12 February, 7–9pm
(6.30pm informal chat with Ward Councillors)
Seddon Centre, 33 Clyde Place, E10 5AS

William Morris

Saturday 14 February, 10–11.30am
(10–10.30am, drop in and refreshments)
Aveling Park Centre, Lloyd Park, E17 4PP

Larkswood and Valley

Tuesday 24 February, 7–9pm
South Chingford Community Hall, 265 Chingford Mount Road, E4 8LP

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforset.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

Council Meetings

Tuesday 10 February

Cabinet, 2pm

Wednesday 11 February

Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee
Growth Scrutiny Committee

Monday 23 February

Budget Scrutiny Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall and start at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

Tell us what's on

Email your event details to:

walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk

Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

The deadline for 9 March edition is **Friday 20 February**

Please note inclusion cannot be guaranteed, due to the high volume of requests received.

Please send your listing requests in the body of an email, formatted as shown on these pages.

Changing lives...

My name is Paul, I'm 15 years old.

Life with mum and dad was really confusing and I was missing lots of school so me and my sister Chloe went to live with foster carers Simon and Claire. We've been here almost a year now.

I wasn't sure what to expect living with strangers and I stayed in my own room a lot at first, I only really talked to Chloe. But Simon and Claire seemed to understand and thinking back they were really patient with us. We have slowly got used to living here and I started enjoying school a bit more. Simon helps me with my reading and writing so I don't feel so stupid with my mates. Chloe talks to Claire about all kinds of stuff but I sort of keep to myself.

We are going on holiday this year with Simon and Claire. It will be the first holiday me and Chloe have ever had.

All our children deserve a chance in life. Could you offer stability and make a real difference to a child in care?

Contact us for more information:

020 8496 3668
fostering@walthamforest.gov.uk
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/fostering

Foster

Want to know more about how you could become a foster family?

Call or email us to make an appointment at an information hub in Walthamstow, Leyton or Chingford.
0208 496 3668
fostering@walthamforest.gov.uk

Thursday 26 February
Town Hall information session
6.30 – 8pm
no booking required

We also give talks to clubs, groups and faith centres – please call us if you would like us to meet your group

Waltham Forest

Lots to see at WMG

- **Award-winning William Morris Gallery geared up for an inspirational year**
- **Residents can take advantage of eclectic exhibits and events programme**

Credit – Yinka Shonibare MBE, 'The William Morris Family Album', 2015, Copyright the artist, Courtesy the artist, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, Commissioned by William Morris Gallery

2015 is set to be another exciting year for Waltham Forest's William Morris Gallery following the opening of its first major commission – a collaboration with a former Turner Prize nominee.

'William Morris Family Album' opened on Saturday 7 February.

A collaboration with Turner Prize nominee Yinka Shonibare MBE, the exhibit features a colourful photographic display inspired by William Morris' family, who once lived in the building.

To create the display, British Nigerian artist Shonibare, worked with modern-day Waltham Forest residents to recreate iconic photos from the Gallery's collection. Some of the sitters wore Victorian costume, refashioned from African-inspired batik fabric created especially for the project.

Shonibare, who worked with curators to explore Morris' ideas and the wider social context of Waltham Forest, said: "In the spirit of William Morris' ideal of an egalitarian society, a diverse group of local people were invited to re-stage three photographs from the William Morris Family album. The photographs are a celebration of costumes, textiles and diversity in the Morris world from a 21st century perspective."

The free exhibition, which is accompanied by an extensive education and events programme, runs until 7 June.

Meanwhile, residents who want to show their support for their local gallery can help it continue to flourish by taking part in a new fundraising initiative run by the Art Fund.

'Art Miles' sees members of the public raising money for their local museum by walking, and as part of the project, the William Morris Gallery will host a three-mile arts and crafts activity trail around the beautiful surroundings of Lloyd Park on Sunday 22 March.

Those taking part can expect some special guest artists and one or two surprises inspired by collections in the Gallery. Participants will create with their own work of art, made step-by-step along the trail and for those who like an extra challenge, there will be prizes for the best Morris-inspired costume.

Chris Robbins, Leader of the Council, said: "Art Miles represents a fantastic opportunity for residents of all ages to get behind their local award-winning Gallery.

"As well as promising to be an exciting day for everyone taking part, it will also help raise money to pay for future exhibitions and events for the entire community to enjoy."

To register to take part visit www.artfund.org/artmiles.

Aside from these highlights, there continues to be an action-packed events programme running at the Gallery.

Popular events for children and families give people the chance to explore their artistic side, regular educational courses give teachers new skills to pass on during art and design classes, and guest speakers are frequently invited to give talks and host discussions about a variety of topics.

There are also late night opening events with music, art, food and drink, with the next one taking place on Thursday 12 February.

Plus, this month residents can also get paid for giving their views on the Gallery, by signing up to join an informal discussion group. Taking place on Friday 13 and Wednesday 18 February, the groups will discuss what people think of the displays, exhibitions and events programme, to help improve the visitor experience. Each session will last two hours and residents will be paid £30 for their time.

More info

The Gallery, in Forest Road, Walthamstow, is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm; admission is free. For more information and to register to join the informal discussion group visit **www.wmgallery.org.uk**.

In brief

Blue Plaque for Kenny

Influential jazz trumpeter and composer Kenny Wheeler has been honoured with his very own blue plaque in Leytonstone. Kenny, who passed away last year aged 84, was born in Canada and lived in Britain for over 60 years, spending much of his time in Leytonstone. In the 1960s he played in groups with other renowned jazz artists including Ronnie Scott, and earned critical acclaim for his recordings for small ensembles in the 1970s. In later life he was the founding patron of the Junior Jazz programme at the Royal Academy of Music, and was the subject of a year-long exhibition by the Academy Museum in 2013-14. The National Jazz Archive has worked with the Council for several years to identify the residences of jazz musicians who lived in the borough.

• For more information on the National Jazz Archive visit www.nationaljazzarchive.org.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Vestry House exhibit

An exhibition running at Walthamstow's Vestry House Museum explores the impact of WWI on the people of Chingford, Walthamstow, Leyton and Leytonstone. Raids, Rationing and Riots: Waltham Forest and the Great War draws on the experiences of those who lived in the borough, telling their stories through personal possessions, mementoes and official documents. Local people featured include the pilots who trained at Chingford Aerodrome, known as the "Chingfliers", and the nurses at Whipps Cross Hospital who looked after injured men brought back from the front line. Visitors will also find out about Zeppelin raids over Walthamstow, anti-German riots in Leyton and the impact of rationing on local families. The exhibition runs until 1 March. Vestry House is free, open 10am to 5pm Wednesday to Sunday, and is run by the Council.

• For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vestry-house.

Vestry House Museum is hosting its own WWI exhibition

YES you can

Most food and garden waste can be recycled

Just some of the items you can put in your brown bin

Fruit, vegetables and all food scraps

Tea bags and coffee granules

Garden waste – grass, leaves and flowers

Bread and cakes

Pasta and rice

The less food we waste, the better. But there are always going to be food items that we'll never eat, like egg shells, fruit and vegetable peelings, banana skins and tea bags. Use your kitchen caddy to collect these, then empty this into your larger brown bin.

"Don't forget to add 'compostable' caddy liners to your shopping list"

To order your kitchen caddy, or for more information on recycling phone **020 8496 3000** or visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling**

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Focused on improving education

- **Waltham Forest's schools see exam results surpass national average**
- **Council focuses on continuing improvement in primary and secondary schools**

Ella McDonald, Mia Johnson-Hall, Ray Sims and Ciara Bridget Amas were just some of WSFG's pupils to celebrate on last summer's GCSE results day

Parents and students in Waltham Forest have been given good news in recent weeks after it was confirmed that the borough's primary and secondary schools are more successful than ever – with impressive sets of results at both Key Stage 2 and GCSE level.

Newly-published Government figures reveal the proportion of primary school children who are successfully meeting national standards for reading, writing and maths and the proportion of secondary school children achieving five A* to C GCSEs, including English and maths, are above national averages. This provides the borough's schools with a solid base from which to develop and improve further.

The latest GCSE data from the Department for Education (DfE) was published on 29 January, and features fully checked results from last summer's exams. Final figures for Key Stage 2, or SATs as most parents will know them, were released slightly earlier, at the end of 2014.

One of many secondaries to celebrate higher-than-ever achievement was Norlington School for Boys in Leyton, who were reported as being in the top three per cent of schools in the country for student progress.

Headteacher John Hernandez said: "All members of the Norlington family are committed to ensuring every student is successful. Being recognised in the top five boys' schools and in the top 75 of all secondary schools in the country demonstrates our commitment to realising the Norlington vision – to be recognised as a world class leader in education."

The proportion of Norlington's students achieving five or more A* to C GCSEs (or equivalent), including English and maths, rose from 53 per cent in 2013 to 61 per cent in 2014. And, not to be outdone by the boys, the borough's schoolgirls also produced an impressive set of GCSE results.

Walthamstow School for Girls (WSFG) saw results reach an all-time high, with 75 per cent achieving five or more A* to C GCSEs (or equivalent), including English and maths.

WSFG headteacher Meryl Davies said: "This year, WSFG was top in the January DfE performance table when compared to like schools nationally for our GCSE results (five-plus GCSEs including English and maths).

"This is a fantastic achievement for this Waltham Forest comprehensive school and reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and students, and the support we have from the whole of our wonderful community."

Successful results were also clear to see at primary level. Chase Lane Primary School, in Chingford, saw the percentage of pupils achieving level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths rise from 75 per cent to 80 per cent from 2013 to 2014.

And on the other side of the borough, in Leytonstone, Mayville Primary School also had 80 per cent of children reach the same benchmark – a 16 percentage point leap compared to 2013.

Overall, Key Stage 2 results (SATs taken in Year 6) rose above the national average with 81 per cent achieving level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths compared to the national figure of 79 per cent.

Cllr Mark Rusling, Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "Huge congratulations must go to the dedicated teaching staff and of course the thousands of hard-working young pupils in Waltham Forest for achieving such fantastic results.

"Seeing our schools performing so well is great for local families as it gives them added confidence that their children are receiving the education they deserve. But this is by no means the end of the road. We know the improvements need to carry on and have every confidence schools will continue their positive progress and become even better."

More info

For more information about schools and colleges in Waltham Forest, visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-colleges** or **call 020 8496 3000.**

In brief

Swap your old children's books for a new one

Book swap

Walthamstow's William Morris Gallery is preparing to take part in the fourth annual London Children's Book Swap along with more than 20 different family friendly arts and cultural venues across the capital. The event enables children and families from Waltham Forest to bring their old books to the Gallery, which is owned and run by the Council, and swap them for a different read to add to their home library. Taking place on 14 February from 11am to 4pm, the initiative celebrates reading and encourages children to discover new stories while recommending their own favourite authors and illustrators.

- **For more information about the London Children's Book Swap, which is organised by Discover Children's Story Centre in Stratford, visit www.facebook.com/LondonChildrensBookswap. To find out what's on at the Gallery, visit www.wmgallery.org.uk.**

Teaching award

Walthamstow's Willowfield Humanities College has been given an award for its teacher training programme. Staff at the Clifton Avenue school attended a ceremony at UCL Institute of Education last week, in central London, where Willowfield was recognised for the work it does in training new teachers. At the ceremony it was awarded the title of Specialist Partner (Initial Teacher Education) of UCL Institute of Education. Headteacher John Hemingway said: "This is not only an award for Willowfield but deserved recognition of the work of a larger group of secondary schools in Waltham Forest who have been our partners in the training programme. "Working together and building on our individual strengths we believe we have made a major contribution to the development of the next generation of teachers and to future improvements in the life chances of all young people educated in the borough."

- **For more information about Willowfield visit www.willowfield-school.net.**

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Waltham Forest

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International Women's Day

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Planning

London Borough of Waltham Forest
Notice of Application for Planning Permission
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Notice under Article 13

Notice is Hereby Given that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO: 143469/FUL
APPLICANT: H Young Structures Ltd
ADDRESS: East 10 Enterprise Park, Argall Way, Leyton, E10 7QG
PROPOSAL: Construction of two storey building with mezzaine floor for industrial use space (use class B8) with associated 11 car parking space and loading area.

The application is available to view on the following website:
http://planning.walthamforest.gov.uk
The application can also be viewed at, ,Sycamore House offices, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF, between 9am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday, where a duty planning officer will be available to assist you.

Any views you would like to make for the above proposal, must be submitted in writing to the Council within 21 days of the date of this letter. Due to the number of correspondence (letters, emails etc) received by the Council relating to planning applications, it will not be possible to acknowledge or respond to your correspondences should you submit any. However, all views/comments received are fully considered during the assessment of the planning application. Please note that the planning file, including correspondence received for the application, are open to the public.

Dated this day 09th February 2015
David Scourfield – Head of Development Management and Building Control
London Borough of Waltham Forest

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
PROPOSED WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING AMENDMENTS
The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Crownfield CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) 2015
The Waltham Forest (Leyton South CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Leytonstone East CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Walthamstow Market East CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Winns Avenue CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Cashless Parking Places) (No. *) (Amendment No. *) Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Short Stay) (Amendment No. *) Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Bus Lanes) (Amendment No. *) Traffic Order 2015
The Waltham Forest (Weight Restriction) (1990 No. 4) Revocation Order 201*
T2 (2015)

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:

(a) introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 1 of this Notice;
(b) extend the existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 2 of this Notice;
(c) convert existing single yellow line waiting restrictions to double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 3 of this Notice;
(d) provide a 7.7-metre 30 mins (no return 2 hours) free short stay parking place on the footway in **Cann Hall Road E11**, south-east side, outside No. 139/141 Cann Hall Road (*the free short stay parking place would operate Mondays to Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.*);
(e) remove double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions and extend the permit parking place in **Carlton Road E11**, north-west side, for 10.5 metres outside Nos. 4 to 8 Carlton Road;
(f) remove approx 12 metres of single yellow line waiting restrictions and replace them with pay by phone parking space in **High Road Leyton E10**, west side, opposite No. 394 High Road Leyton (*Nb. The pay by phone (Cashless) parking place would operate Mondays to Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with 15 minutes free parking or paid-for parking with a maximum stay of 2 hours and no return within 2 hours. The Charges for cashless parking are 80 pence for 30 minutes, £1.30 per hour, £2.00 for 1hr and 30 minutes and £2.60 for 2 hours*);
(g) remove free informal parking space and provide a 21.3-metre 30 min (no return 2 hours) free short stay parking place in **James Lane E11**, south-east side, opposite Nos. 46 and 48 James Lane with 2.4 metres of double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions to the north-east and 0.5 metres to the south-west of that parking place (*the free short stay parking place would operate Mondays to Fridays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.*);
(h) remove single yellow line waiting restrictions and replace them and the adjacent unrestricted road length with double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in **Kingsley Gardens E4**, both sides, between Chingford Mount Road and a point approximately 11 metres east of the common boundary of Nos. 1/2 and 2/3 Kingsley Gardens;
(i) remove approximately 18 metres of single yellow line waiting restrictions and provide permit parking space in **Langthorne Road E11**, the south side, outside Nos. 126 to 134 Langthorne Road;
(j) remove informal parking space and provide a 10-metre 30 min (no return 2 hours) free short stay parking place in **Tavistock Road E11**, south-west side, adjacent to No. 143 Cann Hall Road (*the free short stay parking place would operate Mondays to Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.*);
(k) remove approx 20 metres of permit parking space and provide double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in **Westdown Road E15**, south-east side outside Nos. 16 and 22 Westdown Road;
(l) Convert single yellow line waiting restrictions to permit holders space in **Westdown Road E15**, north-west side outside Nos. 21a to 23 Westdown Road;
(m) replace a permit parking place with double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in **Winns Avenue E17**, north-west side, for 5.8 metres outside No. 204 Winns Avenue; and
(n) remove 16.5 metres of informal parking space and provide 34.9 metres of double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in **Woodview Avenue E4**, south-east side, for 34.9 metres opposite No. 32 to 42 Woodview Avenue;
(o) remove a 10 tonne gross weight limit across the rail bridge in **Palmerston Road E17**; and
(p) advertise intent to make permanent an existing bus lane on the south-west side of **Church Road E10** between its junctions with Palamos Road E10 and Gloucester Road E10 operating between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays inclusive, with a north-westward direction of travel (excluding pedal cycles, taxis and dial-a-ride) (there will be no changes to way this bus lane currently operates on-street).

3. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the locations and effect of the Orders can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) the Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 The Reception Desk and (b) the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to object to the proposed Orders or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference T2, by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders **T2**.

Dated 9th February 2015
Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Neighbourhoods and Commissioning, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

SCHEDULE 1

Aldriche Way E4: (1) north-east side, for 8 metres north-west of the access road situated north-west of St. Nicholas Court; and (2) access road situated to the north-west of St. Nicholas Court, north-west side for 8 metres north-east of its junction with Aldriche Way (main carriageway); **Chadwick Avenue E4**: (1) west side for an additional 13 metres south of Hatch Lane; (2) west side for 10 metres opposite Nos. 1/5/9 and 3/7/11 Chadwick Avenue; (3) west side, for 18 metres north of its junction with The Bramblings; and (4) east side, for 8 metres north of its junction with The Bramblings; **Coppermill Lane E17**, south-east side, for 7 metres across the gated entrance to No. 209 Coppermill Lane; **Crescent Road E10**, south-west side, for 6.5 metres opposite No. 59 Crescent Road; **Eatons Mead E4**, north-east side, for 16 metres south-east of its junction with Valley Side; **Edward Avenue E4**, west side, for 8 metres either side of Frances Road; **Epping Glade E4**, south-east side, for 18 metres opposite Hawkwood Crescent; **Forest Road E11**, north-west side, for 17.3 metres south-west of the north-eastern kerb-line of Colworth Road; **Frances Road E4**, both sides, for 8 metres west of its junction with Edward Avenue; **Gramer Close E11**, the whole length of the south-eastern extremity; **Grange Road E17 (excluding section off St. James Street E17),** – (1) the south-west to north-east arm – south-east side – for 5 metres in a south-westerly direction from the north-west to south-east arm of Grange Road, and (2) the north-west to south-east arm – south-west side – all; **Hainault Road E10**, north-west side, for 7.5 metres across the access-way between Nos. 259 and 267 Hainault Road; **Lambourne Gardens E4**, south-west side, for 10 metres opposite Nos. 10/12 Lambourne Gardens; **Low Hall Lane E17**, north-west side, for 25 metres on the school keep clear markings at the entrance to Low Hall Nursery School; **Lynmouth Road E17** – north-west side – 6.2 metres south-west of its junction with Grange Road; **Maida Avenue E4**, the south side, for an additional 32.7 metres adjacent to No. 10 Sewardstone Road; **Marmion Close E4**: (1) north-west side, opposite Nos. 55/57 Marmion Close for 13 metres around the corner of the junction; and (2) north-east side, opposite Nos. 48 to 52 Marmion Close for 13 metres around the corner of the junction; **Meadow Close E4**, both sides, for 8 metres south-west of its junction with Mount Echo Avenue; **Mount Avenue E4**, for approximately 13.5 metres around the north-west corner of the junction outside No. 39 Mount Avenue; **Mount Echo Avenue E4**, the south-west side, for 8 metres north-west and 12.6 metres south-east of Meadow Close; **Omnibus Way E17**: (1) for 16 metres around the south-east corner of the junction outside No. 10 Omnibus Way; (2) for 16 metres around the south-west corner of the junction outside No. 9 Omnibus Way; (3) for 16 metres around the north-east corner of the junction outside No. 19 Omnibus Way; (4) for 16 metres around the north-west corner of the junction outside No. 47 Omnibus Way; (5) for 15.4 metres around the south-east corner of the junction outside No. 30 Omnibus Way; **Selwyn Avenue**, south side, for 5.1 metres across the vehicle access opposite Nos. 180/182 Selwyn Avenue; **The Bramblings E4**, the north side, for 8 metres either side of Chadwick Avenue; **Valley Side E4**, south-east side, for 18 metres north-east of its junction with Eatons Mead; **Waverley Avenue E17**, both sides, for 8 metres south-east of its junction with Waverley Road; and **Waverley Road E17**, south-east side, for 8 metres either side of Waverley Avenue.

SCHEDULE 2

Acacia Road E17 north-westernmost arm adjoining Low Hall Lane – the remainder of the east side; **Colworth Road E11**, north-east side, for 16.5 metres south-east of the north-western kerb-line of Forest Road; **Hale End Road E17**, west side: (1) for an additional 12.2 metres south of Lamorna Close; and (2) for an additional 15.9 metres north of MacDonald Road; **Inks Green E4**, north-east side, for an additional 39.3 metres opposite Nos. 62 to 68 Inks Green; **Marmion Close E4**, inner or garden side, throughout its length; **Normanshire Drive E4**, for an additional 13.1 metres adjacent to No. 242 Chingford Mount Road; and **Wallwood Road E11**, for an additional 2.4 metres north-west of the existing double yellow lines at its junction with Kingswood Road.

SCHEDULE 3

Chingford Mount Road E4, east side, for 5 metres north 4 metres south of Kingsley Gardens; **Connaught Avenue E4**, the north-east side, for 8 metres north-west and 4 metres south-east of Farnley Road; **Cooper's Lane E10**, the south side, for 6.9 metres east of the eastern boundary of No. 2a Cooper's Lane; **Farnley Road E4**, both sides, for 8 metres north-east of its junction with Connaught Avenue; **High Road Leyton E10**, west side, for 7 metres opposite Nos. 404 to 424 High Road Leyton; and **West Avenue Road E17**, south-west side for 6.1 metres opposite Nos. 4 and 6 West Avenue Road.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1984 SECTION 9 and 10
PETERBOROUGH ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME
NO-ENTRY TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC – VARIOUS STREETS
(modification) (T26aMod)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (PRESCRIBED ROUTES) (NO. 9) (MODIFICATION NO. 1) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER 2014

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on **5th February 2015** made the above mentioned Order under section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Order will come into force on **17th February 2015** and may continue in force for up to 18 months.

2. The Prescribed Routes Order modifies the provisions of The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. 9) Experimental Traffic Order 2014, to:

(a) prevent any vehicle (except pedal

cycles) entering a road where entry to that road is prohibited by a no-entry sign plate shown at the location of road listed between paragraphs 2(a)(i) and 2(a)(viii) below:-

(i) **Canterbury Road E10** – at its junction with Essex Road E10;
(ii) **Colchester Road, E10** – at its junction with Peterborough Road E10;
(iii) **Essex Road, E10** – at a point adjacent the south-eastern kerb-line of Colchester Road E10;
(iv) **Liverpool Road, E10** – at its junction with Essex Road E10;
(v) **Matlock Road, E10** – at its junction with Peterborough Road E10;
(vi) **Nottingham Road, E10** – at its junction with Essex Road E10;
(vii) **Peterborough Road, E10** – at a point adjacent the south-eastern kerb-line of Nottingham Road E10;
(viii) **Peterborough Road, E10** – at a point adjacent the north-western kerb-line of Nottingham Road E10.

3. Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive (except Bank Holidays), from the date on which this notice is published until the Order ceases to have effect, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF and (b) Low Hall Depot, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely by means of a permanent Order made under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person may object to the making of the permanent Order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the experimental Order comes into force or, if the Order is varied by other Orders or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification or the latest variation or modification came into force. Any such objection must be made in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made and be sent to Traffic Orders, Environment and Regeneration, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference Traffic Orders **T26(aMod).** Any objection may be communicated to, or be seen by, other persons who may be affected.

5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any of the provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference Traffic Orders – T26(aMod).

Dated 9th February 2015
Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Neighbourhoods and Commissioning, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST hereby gives notice that it has made an order under section 247 of the above Act entitled the London Borough of Waltham Forest (Stopping Up of Highways) (No. 1) Order 2015 to authorise the stopping up of the following areas of public highway showed hatched red on the plan attached to the order and being:

(1) The area of public highway off Argall Way formed of one rectangular shaped area measuring a length of 19.6 metres and an average width of 9.1 metres

THE ORDER IS MADE, to enable the development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted to Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd by the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 3 December 2014 under reference 2014/2092.

COPIES OF THE ORDER AND THE RELEVANT PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED during normal office hours at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS free of charge.

ANY PERSON aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks of 9 February 2015 apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

Dated: 9 February 2015
MR. K. VALAVAN, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

THE SCHEDULE
New entrance to Lea Bridge Station including change of use to operational railway use, construction of new station access ramp and steps

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (SUTHERLAND ROAD E17) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2015 – TT9

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on **5th February 2015** it made an Order to enable essential crane and electricity mains works (in association with a development site) to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in **Sutherland Road E17**, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in this road.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:
(a) enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose at any time in Sutherland Road E17 – from a point opposite the common boundary of Nos. 71-73 Sutherland Road to a point opposite the southeast boundary of Unit 7 – No. 61 Sutherland Road; or
(b) wait or load for any purpose at any time on both sides of **Sutherland Road E17** – from a point opposite the southeast boundary of Unit 7 – No. 61 Sutherland Road to the north-east kerb-line of Stirling Road E17.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2(a) above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be via St Andrews Road, Hillyfield and Stirling Road, as directed by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:
(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow; or
(c) in relation to any vehicle gaining access or egress to Sutherland Place E17.

6. The Order will come into operation between **9th February 2015 for 28 days regarding the prohibitions mentioned in paragraph 2(b) above**, or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner; and between **14th February 2015** and **22nd February 2015**; and between **28th February 2015** and **1st March 2015 regarding the prohibitions mentioned in paragraph 2(a) above**, or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 9th February 2015
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Neighbourhoods and Commissioning, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (WOOD STREET E17 CRANE WORKS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2015

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on **5th February 2015** it made an Order to enable essential crane works (in association with a telecommunications mast outside No. 245 Wood Street) to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in **Wood Street E17**, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles in this road (ref. TT9 – 2015).

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:
(a) wait or load for any purpose, at any time in **Wood Street E17** – between its junction with Chestnut Avenue North and Roland Road from:
(i) **19.00 hours on Saturday 14th February 2015 to 06.00 hours on Sunday 15th February 2015;**
(ii) **19.00 hours on Saturday 21st February 2015 to 06.00 hours Sunday 22nd February 2015; and;**
(iii) **19.00 hours on Saturday 28th February 2015 to 06.00 hours Sunday 1st March 2015; and**
(b) enter or proceed, at any time, in Wood Street E17 – between its junction with Chestnut Avenue North and Roland Road from:
(i) **01.00 hours on Sunday 15th February 2015 to 06.00 hours the same day;**
(ii) **01.00 hours on Sunday 22nd February 2015 to 06.00 hours the same day; and**
(iii) **01.00 hours on Sunday 1st March 2015 to 06.00 hours the same day Sunday.**

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2(b) above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:
(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order will come into operation on **14th February 2015** and would be valid for a maximum period of 6 days or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.

Dated 9th February 2015
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Neighbourhoods and Commissioning, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (BELTON ROAD E11 THAMES WATER WORKS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2015

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on **5th February 2015** it made an Order to enable Thames Water to carry out urgent works to drainage apparatus in a safe and efficient manner in **Belton Road E11**, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in this road (ref. TT11 – 2015).

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time in **Belton Road E11** – from its junction with High Road, Leytonstone eastwards for a distance of 25 metres.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be via Eve Road E11 and Steele Road E11 and will be indicated by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:
(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order will come into operation on **Saturday 14th February 2015** and would be valid for a maximum period of 1 day or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.

Dated 9th February 2015
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Neighbourhoods and Commissioning, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (YARDLEY LANE E4 THAMES WATER WORKS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2015

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on **5th February 2015** it made an Order to enable Thames Water to carry out water supply maintenance works in a safe and efficient manner in **Yardley Lane E4**, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in various roads (ref. TT13 – 2015).

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:
(a) enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time in **Yardley Lane E4** – from its junction with Sewardstone Road E4 eastwards for a distance of 40 metres; or
(b) wait or load for any purpose, at any time in:
(i) **Boardman Avenue E4** – between its junctions with Yardley Lane and Deerleap Grove;
(ii) **Deerleap Grove E4** – between its junctions with Boardman Avenue and Sewardstone Gardens; and

(iii) **Sewardstone Gardens E4** – between its junctions with Deerleap Grove and a point opposite the south-eastern wall of Nos. 42 and 44 Sewardstone Gardens.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

(a) in connection with the said works; or

(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order will come into operation on Monday **9th February 2015** and would be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary. Parking may not be banned along the whole length of the roads mentioned in paragraph 2(b) above but in precise locations to be determined with TfL Buses.

Dated 9th February 2015

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COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2015-2018

Clean and safe

Priority:

Keep your neighbourhood clean and safe

Commitment:

- Provide neighbourhood officers who will work with the community to keep your streets clean
- Establish an anti-social behaviour team to help keep our streets feeling safe
- Continue to collect your bins every week, provide a free bulky waste service and prosecute fly-tippers
- Deliver an anti-gangs programme in partnership with the police to provide our young people and their families with a positive future

Local economy

Priority:

Help build a strong local economy and thriving town centres

Commitment:

- Support our schools and colleges to provide top quality education and training across the borough
- Work to improve our town centres so that they have the quality mix of shops and services that you want
- Actively promote a borough wide 'spend local' campaign to keep wealth in our borough and support local businesses
- Provide an investment fund for local businesses and services in our town centres

Housing

Priority:

Support affordable housing for everyone's needs

Commitment:

- Deliver a private sector landlord licensing scheme which benefits tenants by improving standards and makes the area better for those who live around them
- Build new council homes for Waltham Forest residents in work
- Encourage new houses to be built where they can deliver prosperous communities with access to the local services and infrastructure they need
- Build more specialist houses which allow older residents to stay in a home of their own with the support they need to be independent

Family

Priority:

Help all of our residents enjoy a good quality of life

Commitment:

- Freeze Council Tax until at least 2016 and continue to fund the freedom pass scheme
- Provide young and older residents with a range of activities and support such as free swimming, holiday clubs and Christmas lunches
- Support an extensive arts and events programme for everyone, via the Council and in the community
- Maintain high quality parks, green spaces and affordable, modern leisure centres

Our core duty is to keep vulnerable adults and children safe and healthy, ensuring that they have dignity and choice in their lives. This crosses all responsibilities and services.